

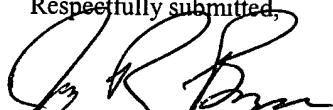
Remarks

Claims 1-38 were examined. Pursuant to an interview of the Examiner on August 28, 2003 by Steve Shear, the Examiner agreed that the amendments of the claims, as presented above, clearly overcome the rejections in the Final Office Action. Moreover, the proposed amendments are presented to address the rejections issued in the Final Office Action and, as such, raise no new issues, add no new matter and require no additional searching. It is noted that the subject matter of all of the amendments has previously appeared in the claims heretofore. Claim 18 has been canceled in view of the amendment to claim 17; claim 23 has been canceled with its limitations now seen in amended claim 20; claim 35 has been canceled with its limitations now present in amended claim 34; and claim 38 has been canceled in view of the amendment to claim 1. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's comments.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been overcome and that the application is in condition for allowance. Hence, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims under immediate consideration, and passage to issue of the application are solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Steve Shear at 303-661-0901.

Respectfully submitted,



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